(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any reimbursement is proposed to be made from Oil Industry Pool Account to the National Oil Companies for their payment of CST to Reliance Petroleum Ltd.; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) and (b) M/s. Reliance Pen-oleum Limited (RPL) have been granted eligibility certificate for sales tax incentives by the State Government of Gujarat. The scheme permits RPL to avail sales tax exemption and/or deferment benefits. Under litis scheme. RPL has opted for sales tax composite benefits. Accordingly, it can avail of sales tax exemption and/or sales tax deferment. M/s RPL have conveyed that they would absorb 33% of the sales tax amount payable on their controlled petroleum products moved inter-state.

(c) About 2/3 rd amount of the CST under-recoveries on account of inter company sales of controlled petroleum products of RPL to be moved interstate would be reimbursed to oil marketing companies from oil pool account.

Infrastructure to Supply LPG for Motor Vehicles

4223. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the major Oil companies have the necessary infrastructure to supply LPG for motor vehicles in all parts of the country;

(b) in how many States, the oil companies have set up such LPG facilities;

(c) whether it is a fact that no such arrangements have been made in Andhra Pradesh to supply LPG to motor vehicles;

(d) if so, the reasons for such delay;

(e) what steps will be taken to establish such LPG facilities on a time bound schedule in Andhra Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) to (f) The use of LPG as auto fuel will commence after the amendments in the Motor Vehicles Act etc. is made. Public Sector Oil Companies have initiated the necessary

action for setting up the facilities at retail outlets for supply of LPG for motor vehicles in the various states.

Action on the Complaints of HPDA and HTOA

4224. SHRI ABANI ROY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether representatives of Haryana Petroleum Dealers Association (HPDA) and Haryana Tankers Operators Association (HTOA) had met several times to the officials in his Ministry and submitted various representations regarding the problem of low dealers commission, unworkable transportation rates of Petroleum products and malpractices by the oil corporations;

(b) if so, the reasons for not taking any action till date; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against the officers proven responsible for negligence and to avoid agitation by these associations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) Government had constituted a Committee of Directors (Marketing) of oil marketing companies and Executive Director, Oil Coordination Committee to examine various representations received from Dealers Association/'Federation including Haryana Petroleum Dealers Association (HPDA). Based on the recommendations of the Committee, Government have revised the dealers commission on Motor Spirit (MS)/High Speed Diesel.(HSD) on 5-1-2000 as under:—

(i) MS-87	—	Rs.462/KL
(ii) MS-93	—	Rs. 500/KL
(iii) HSD	—	Rs.257/KL

The slab system for HSD has also been abolished.

An additional amount of Rs. 40/KL FOR ms and Rs. 16/KL for HSD is paid towards bank charges to those dealers who pay by demand drafts.

The commission is also revised on the following occasions :

(i) Revison in the price of motor spirit & high spped diesel.

(ii) Increase in All India Consumer Price Index etc.